




# VCS OWNERS' CLUB BULLETIN

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## POLE POSITION

— One of the many  
exciting new games  
from ATARI!



**PLUS:**  
**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**  
— Regional Finals • AND MUCH MORE!

# PLAYER OF

We had an overwhelming response from young and not so young alike to take up the challenge to become the 1983 Atari Player of the Year — and maybe go on to become the International Champion and win a fabulous trip for two to the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. From the mass of entries we received from the local areas on Phoenix, the top scorers were invited to play Ms Pac-Man at one of the six regional finals held around the country this summer.

The entries were divided into over-18 finalists and under-eighteen finalists from Boots, Woolworths, John Menzies, Greens and the independent stores and in most areas four independent winners and one from each of the multiple stores qualified for the National Finals to be held on 20 August at the Camden Palace disco in London. Each regional finalist received a special finalist badge and a Ms Pac-Man T-shirt and one of Atari goodies were

given away from the Owner's Club Desk. Each winner received a Centipede cartridge from Brian Claridge, Promotions Manager of Atari and an invitation to an expensive-paid weekend to attend the national finals. Well done and thank you to everyone who played in the regional finals — not only the winners — it was great to see you all! There'll be a full report on the National Finals in the next Bulletin — so watch this space.

## NORTH EAST — NEWCASTLE — 2 JULY



**Woolworth champion**  
Steven Rigby, aged 16, from Carlisle  
Score: 52,750

**Boots champion**  
Dave Richardson, aged 17, from Middlesbrough  
Score: 39,800

**Independent champion**  
Mark Smith, aged 14, from Stockton  
Score: 58,720

**Independent champion**  
Jonathan White, aged 12, from Jarrow  
Score: 43,300

**Independent champion**  
Cary Jackson, aged 12, from Hartlepool  
Score: 43,990

**Independent champion**  
Glen Pardon, aged 17, from Saltburn  
Score: 67,000

**Over-18**  
Neil Hepple from Blyth  
Score: 41,160

## SCOTLAND — GLASGOW — 9 JULY

**Woolworth champion**  
John Taylor, aged 14, from Paisley  
Score: 57,440

**Boots champion**  
Charles Currie, aged 16, from Glasgow  
Score: 31,470

**Menzies champion**  
Stuart Betts, aged 12, from Edinburgh  
Score: 45,250

**Independent champion**  
Gordon Duncan, aged 17, from Dundee  
Score: 39,420

**Independent champion**  
Stuart Murray, aged 14, from Potterton  
Score: 70,260

**Independent champion**  
William Love, aged 15, from Renfrew  
Score: 61,240

**Independent champion**  
Derek McAvigan, aged 13, from Erskine  
Score: 45,160

**Over-18 champion**  
Linda Trager, from Glasgow  
Score: 45,160



## NORTH WEST — MANCHESTER — 16 JULY



**Woolworth champion**  
Bryan Thompson, aged 16, from Batley  
Score: 61,310

**Boots champion**  
Andrew Smith, aged 15, from Knaresborough  
Score: 51,670

**Menzies champion**  
Neil Coward, aged 16, from Gatley  
Score: 16,340

**Greens champion**  
Andrew Feeley, aged 15, from Manchester  
Score: 56,970

**Independent champion**  
Tony Strickland, aged 16, from Euxton  
Score: 44,350

**Independent champion**  
Peter Harris, aged 14, from Hadfield via Hyde  
Score: 35,900

**Independent champion**  
Karl Duro, aged 13, from Belper  
Score: 33,260

**Independent champion**  
Craig Burr, aged 14, from Bridlington  
Score: 31,070

**Over-18 champion**  
Terence Clough from Laughton

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# THE YEAR

**Regional  
Final  
Results**

## MIDLANDS — BIRMINGHAM — 23 JULY



**Woolworth champion**  
Mark Whittaker, aged 14, from Birmingham  
Score: 45,900  
**Boots champion**  
Steven Disley, aged 15, from Stoke-on-Trent  
**Greens champion**  
Jonathan Browning, aged 11, from Birmingham  
Score: 22,000  
**Independent champion**  
Carl Morgan, aged 15, from Brecon  
**Independent champion**  
Karl Bayliss, aged 15, from Birmingham  
Score: 58,600  
**Independent champion**  
Andrew Martin, aged 16, from Leicester  
Score: 51,700  
**Independent champion**  
Simon Wright, aged 12, from Burton-on-Trent  
Score: 48,000  
**Over-18 champion**  
Deonard Smith from Birmingham  
Score: 53,200

## WALES AND THE WEST — BRISTOL — 30 JULY

**Woolworth champion**  
Mark Cresswell, aged 11, from Tewkesbury  
Score: 47,170  
**Boots champion**  
Michael Thomas, aged 13, from Cardiff  
Score: 54,380  
**Menzies champion**  
Matthew Ives, aged 13, from Poole  
Score: 58,840  
**Greens champion**  
Joel Moss, aged 15, from Salisbury  
Score: 59,170  
**Independent champion**  
Naeem Ullah, aged 12, from Bedminster  
Down Score: 54,500  
**Independent champion**  
Darren Jones, aged 12, from Giffach Goch  
Score: 45,100



**Independent champion**  
John Bryant, aged 14, from Bridgend  
Score: 56,040  
**Independent champion**  
Andrew Davies from Swansea  
Score: 36,010  
**Independent champion**  
Andrew Marshall, aged 16, from Bristol  
Score: 36,040  
**Over-18 champion**  
Clive Wilson from Bordon  
Score: 56,000

## THE SOUTH — LONDON — 6 AUGUST

**Woolworth champion**  
Drew Dubber, aged 15, from Lincoln  
Score: 66,430  
**Boots champion**  
Brian Walker, aged 13, from Edmonton  
Score: 53,860  
**Greens champion**  
Douglas Collier, aged 16, from Guildford  
Score: 42,560  
**Independent champion**  
Alan Sparrow, aged 17, from Stevenage  
Score: 64,830  
**Independent champion**  
Julian Perrot, aged 15, from Milton Keynes  
Score: 62,210  
**Independent champion**  
Mark Bishop, aged 13, from Hemel Hempstead  
Score: 53,770  
**Independent champion**  
Nigel Hughes, aged 13, from Cambridge  
Score: 52,370  
**Over-18 champion**  
Andrew Brzanski, aged 19, from Greenford  
Score: 81,160



Independent Service Centre Guide



## LATEST ADDITIONS...

You'll be delighted to know that we have recently added some more independent Service Centres to our rapidly expanding network in the UK. There are now over 60 Centres nationwide which means there is

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# NEW RELEASES



## POLE POSITION\* — REAL BEHIND-THE-WHEEL THRILLS!

POLE POSITION will be one of the most exciting Atari VCS games to hit the TV screen in 1983 with its colourful and accurate first person game play reproducing all the fast action of a Grand Prix race.

You must first prove yourself in a qualifying lap and your performance in this determines your position in the eight car field.

With a speedometer that goes up to 200mph Pole Position provides some pretty fast action.

Pole Position features a fabulous change of perspective as you wheel around dangerous corners (with tyres screeching), realistic background scenery and road signs and an extraordinary graphic crash sequence.

**Suggested retail price: £29.99 including VAT. Available: October, 1983**

\*Pole Position is engineered and designed by Namco Ltd. Manufactured under license by Atari Inc. Trademark and copyright Namco 1982.



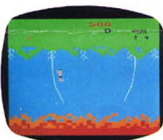
## SORCERER'S APPRENTICE™\* — THE TIMELESS WORLD OF FANTASIA

Help Mickey keep the cavern from flooding by zapping falling stars and streaking comets, then bailing out the cavern before the magical brooms rush in. There are two scenes in SORCERER'S APPRENTICE — the Mountain Scene and the Cavern Scene — and you can move Mickey back and forth to play one magical game.

You score points for catching and hitting stars and meteors and stopping the brooms by running Mickey into them. When you hear a "swoosh" sound, a star has made a broom, and the SORCERER'S APPRENTICE tune signals a broom has dumped a bucket of water — so watch out, because when the Cavern is flooded, the game is over.

There are four game variations in SORCERER'S APPRENTICE and it will be available in the UK in September at a suggested retail price of £19.99 inc. VAT.

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## JUNGLE HUNT\* — HEROIC ACTION IN THE DEEPEST, DARKEST JUNGLE!

The Beautiful Maiden has been captured by savage cannibals and it is your task to help Safari Sam rush to her rescue.

Using your joystick, you must guide him through four scenes of extreme danger — swinging from vine to vine in the Deadly Forest, swimming through the crocodile-infested Reptile River (remembering occasionally to surface for air), avoiding crushing boulders and finally jumping over poisoned spears in the Cannibal Camp to rescue the captured maiden.

JUNGLE HUNT has two skill levels and each scene is increasingly more difficult than the one before. As jungle hunting requires such unusual skill, you start with five lives. You'll earn a bonus life for scoring over 10,000 points.

JUNGLE HUNT will be available in the UK in September 1983.

**Suggested retail price: £24.99 including VAT**

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... and introducing ...

## THE ATARI® 2600™ JOYSTICK REPAIR KIT

Is your joystick feeling the wear and tear of your skilled and active fingers? If it is, don't panic! Here at Atari we've put together the 2600™ Joystick Repair Kit which has been specially designed to get your joystick back to its full expert power better than ever before!

We knew you wouldn't like to hang around either, so we've given you easy to follow, step-by-step instructions and what's more it costs less than half the price of a new joystick!

The Atari 2600 Joystick Repair Kit will be available soon at retail outlets and costs only £3.99.



### STOP PRESS:

Separate joystick replacement parts are also available at your local Independent Service Centre. If in doubt about your joystick, contact your local I.S.C. for advice.



# FROM ATARI...!

COMING SOON!

## GALAXIAN\* — DEFEND THE GALAXY

Another favourite space-age classic hits the Atari VCS shores in the form of GALAXIAN.

This game cartridge is not for the faint-hearted. The terrifying GALAXIAN fleet has entered your realm, and you will need all the foresight and expert marksmanship you can muster to survive its lethal attacks.

These monstrous winged ships will attack you in faster and faster waves, constantly changing their battle formation, sometimes in groups of one, two or even three.

The Atari VCS version of GALAXIAN has retained all the superb arcade effects with fantastic graphics and sounds all adding up to a really exciting game. There are five different difficulty levels so the challenge keeps growing.

Suggested retail price: £29.99 including VAT Available: September, 1983

\* GALAXIAN is a trademark of Bally Midway Manufacturing Co. licensed by Namco-America Inc.



## KANGAROO™\*

Help mother Kangaroo rescue her baby from his cruel captivity in a treehouse cage.

To reach him, Mother Kangaroo must climb up ladders, leap over logs, jump from branch to branch, duck falling apples and punching mischievous monkeys as she goes. The challenge gets tougher as the game progresses and the monkeys multiply and get more and more clever.

Mother Kangaroo moves by the joystick — pull it towards you to make her duck, away to make her leap. Press the red fire button and Mother Kangaroo throws a punch with her boxing gloves.

Every monkey Mother Kangaroo punches you score 200 points, but if a monkey touches her, she falls from the tree and you lose a life. You will score points for eating fruit and punching apples and she can ring the bell at the top of the screen to replenish the fruit.

KANGAROO will be hopping into the UK in October.

Suggested retail price: £24.99 including VAT.

\* Manufactured under license from Sun Electronics Corporation.



COMING SOON!

## DONALD DUCK'S SPEEDBOAT™\* — ANCHORS AWAY!

Watch out for the obstacles as you race Donald Duck's speedboat through the course to win the Gold Grand Prize Award!

The faster you race, the higher you score, but hitting rocks and buoys will stop the boat and you'll have to reverse to get started and lose valuable time. Seaweed, fish and the wicked whirlpool will slow you down — so keep away from those obstacles.

DONALD DUCK'S SPEEDBOAT has six game variations and depending on how many points you score, you will win the bronze, Silver or Gold Grand Prize Award at the end.

DONALD DUCK'S SPEEDBOAT will be available in September.

Suggested retail price: £19.99 including VAT.

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## DIG-DUG™\*

Deep down underground, DIG-DUG, the miner, is digging for his life.

Using the joystick, help him to dig his own maze to escape from Pooka™, the animated balloon and Fygart™, the fire-breathing dragon. When you get near the evil enemies press the fire button to blow them up, but speed and accuracy are all important. If you're not quick or thorough enough, DIG-DUG will lose a life.

Outwit the monsters by ambushing them in a tunnel and then drop rocks on them. After two rocks have fallen, viscous fruit and vegetables will appear which all increase the points.

But watch out as Pooka and Fygart could turn into ghosts at any time and travel all over the screen and not just in the tunnels!

Being a miner is no fun with these monsters around, so you'll need piles of cunning to keep alive underground.

DIG-DUG will be available in the UK in October/November 1983.

Suggested retail price: £29.99.

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## WATCH OUT FOR...

### BATTLE ZONE™

Another fabulous arcade original, BATTLE ZONE, will be available for your Atari VCS in the UK in October/November of this year.

You are a tank commander being sieged by other tanks and missiles which lurk behind hills and buildings on the screen. Destroy them before they destroy you!

To help you with your mission, you have a target site and a radar screen which indicates the position of the enemy and sometimes you can destroy them before they even see you.

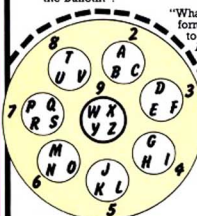
BATTLE ZONE is a one player game with one level which becomes progressively more difficult as the game proceeds.



# Doodle Corner

START ☐ STOP ☐

Here's a Puzzle for Atarians to try, which has been sent in by Robert Stockton from Dudley, who said it was his "second attempt at getting into the Bulletin".

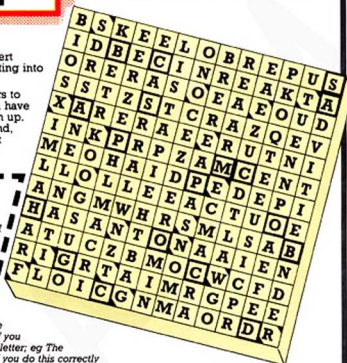


"What you have to do is to link up the letters to form the names of Atari cartridges but you have to start and stop as indicated to link them up. Altogether there are 18 cartridges to find, and they go in every direction except diagonally. Each letter may only be used once."

Here's a puzzle with a difference, sent in by Simon Aspinall who lives in Cawood, North Yorks.

- |                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1) 286228         | 9) 336667 85 34266637 |
| 2) 92777 7383643  | 10) 3.8               |
| 3) 278376437      | 11) 92756737          |
| 4) 33336337       | 12) 36343'36          |
| 5) 2379375        | 13) 6477453 2666263   |
| 6) 82648273       | 14) 64448 374837      |
| 7) 7463849        | 15) 238847333         |
| 8) 6284 4726 7749 |                       |

"The numbers above stand for the letters on the telephone dial. All you have to do is substitute the letters for the numbers. Sounds easy, doesn't it? But if you take a second look, you'll find that a number could stand for more than one letter; eg The number 2 could be A, B or C. All you have to do is choose the right letter. If you do this correctly you'll have the names of 15 'ace' Atari cartridges.



## Test your brain-power!

Here are two Puzzles sent in by Stephen Moody, From Belfast:

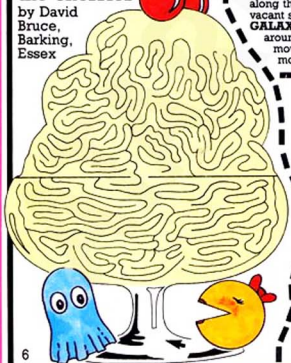
When all the letters have been guessed correctly and written into the grid, they spell a great cartridge. The last line is a clue!

My first's in pheasant but not in stew,  
My second's in hold and handcuffs, too,  
My third's not in me, but you!  
My fourth you'll see in drake and deck.  
My fifth's a part of iron and chain,  
My sixth's in mind and also in brain,  
My last is in this extraordinary game —  
This once dead thing shall rise again!

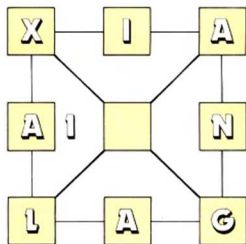


## Help Ms Pac-Man through the maze to the cherries

by David Bruce, Barking, Essex



Stephen's second Puzzle is called "A Galaxian Trick". "Cut out eight pieces of paper and write on each a different letter of the word GALAXIAN. Then place them on the appropriate squares on the diagram. The problem is to move the paper slips along the lines, one at a time, into the vacant space left, until the word GALAXIAN reads in the reverse direction around the outside, starting at the square marked 'I'. You cannot, of course, move more than one letter on a square at one time. What is the least number of moves you can do it in?"



And here are a few Anagrams from Adam Krauze of Birmingham:

NEDTEIECP  
LFLBTOAO  
LYELAOLVLB  
OTLUWA  
SLRAROWD

STADISOER  
NSTEIN  
ADUANVRG  
MNSMAPCA  
FDNEREDE

With our Owners Club membership rapidly growing, we've noticed how many members live in unusual places. When writing to us they often use abbreviations for the places where they live. At first, we found this quite confusing, and had to rack our brains for hours trying to guess the names. Now we've become quite expert! Philippa, our Owners Club Manager, thought it'd be a good idea to ask you a few, so see if you can get these:

W - s - M  
NuT  
IoM  
S - o - S

IoW  
A - u - L  
SIA  
KuT

BoD  
N - u - L  
A - d - i - Z  
S - u - A

They are all abbreviations for places in the British Isles, eg S - o - T = Stoke-on-Trent.

Answers in next Bulletin (AB27).



**Philippe, Jackie and Lou**  
Wish to thank all of you  
For sending in letters  
Puzzles and Pix  
But better still, Poems, too!

We liked them all such a lot  
In fact, we nearly forgot  
That the Owners Club  
Had so many stars  
Ignore their talent we must not!

So here are some of the few  
We have chosen just for you  
I'm sure you'll agree  
They're exceedingly good  
Anyways? Please send them in too!

**By Andrew Wood, Largs, Ayrshire**

Atari it is the best buy,  
If you read on, I'll tell you why,  
It's fast, furious, great fun as well,  
Lean in closer I've things to tell.

In Centipede the fun is fast,  
A thing is slithering through  
the grass,  
A spider jumps in from the air,  
And catches you in a deadly snare.

In Phoenix you're fighting things  
from space,  
And trying to save the human race,  
Colossal birds are swooping down,  
And shooting bullets at the ground.

In ET you must help your friend,  
Make a telephone to send  
A message to all of his mates,  
Asking to be taken back to space.

Now that I have told you why  
Atari is the best buy  
You will agree it's just the thing,  
To make you dance and make  
you sing.

We know you've all got a great sense of  
humour, so how about a few jokes? Brian  
Shackley from Newton Aycliffe has written in  
with this one:

Did you hear about the man who bought a  
rocket for his wife's birthday?  
She was over the moon.

**And from Alan Davidson, Glasgow.**

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a snooker  
ball. Doctor: Go to the end of the queue.

Patient: Doctor, I feel like a bell. Doctor:  
Go home and I'll give you a ring.

Patient: Doctor, I feel like a pair of  
curtains. Doctor: Pull yourself together man.

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a  
bridge. Doctor: What's come over you?

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a  
motorbike. Doctor: Three buses and a  
motorbike.

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, my husband  
thinks he's a hen. Doctor: Why  
didn't you tell me sooner? Patient:  
We needed the eggs.

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a  
pack of cards. Doctor: Sit down and  
I'll deal with you later.

Our thanks to Joe  
Slater who has sent  
us this wonderful  
picture of Mrs  
Dorothy Slater, a real Atari  
enthusiast. Dorothy, at the  
age of 21 (and a bit!!!), never  
misses her daily Atari  
practice. Her favourite game  
is Video Pinball, and I'm sure  
she's a real "wizard" at it.  
How about the caption  
"You're never too old for  
Atari!", suggests Joe. We  
quite agree! And thank you  
for showing our "not so  
young" members how much  
fun you can have with Atari  
video games!



**By Mohamed Lakhi, London.**

I think Atari is the best  
That is something I must confess.  
I find it good in every way.  
I play with it by night and day.  
The Atari Bulletin I regularly receive  
Have some bargains I cannot believe.  
So the only thing I can end up saying  
Is Good Luck Atarians and happy playing.

**By Wayne Bates, Cannock,  
Staffs.**

Atari, Atari is a wonderful thing  
If you have any queries give them  
a ring.

With lots of games for us to play,  
Pac-man, Defender 'Oh I say',  
Shoot the aliens on Space  
Invaders,

Try out your skill on Star Raiders.  
Lots and lots of things to do,  
How about Asteroids and ET, too.  
I end the poem here to say  
Give Atari a big 'Huray'.

**By Andrew Lottey, Sutton  
Coldfield.**

"Atari is the one for me  
With Defender and ET.  
Centipede is coming out in June  
the roses you prune.

Smashing Tennis is coming  
in July  
Really super Football too.  
The other team will be after you.

The world of Atari you  
have seen  
Now go tell your friends where  
they will all be jealous of you.  
And they will buy an Atari, too."

**By Peter Lambert  
from Stockport.**

"When the day was Christmas,  
Guess what Santa brought for me,  
It was what I had hoped for,  
it was an Atari.

I plugged it in the telly.  
And had a super time.  
I went given with it  
The brilliant Pac-man.

I played it with my brothers,  
I played it with my Dad,  
I played it for SOLID HOURS!  
It drove my mother mad!

But when you do get started,  
You just cannot stop,  
So join the Atari Owners  
Club,  
It helps you keep on top."

**Don't forget to  
write in with all  
your ideas, high  
scores, poems,  
pictures, puzzles  
and anything  
else you'd like to tell us  
about! Please remember to  
put the Letter Heading on  
your envelope to help us  
sort out the post, eg  
ATARI CONTROL —  
HIGH SCORE, and the  
address which you all  
know by now:  
ATARI HOUSE  
RAILWAY TERRACE  
SLOUGH  
BERKSHIRE  
SL2 8BZ**

We look forward to  
hearing from you soon!

## HIGH SCORE SPOT

Three cheers to our high scorers! And  
thanks to everyone who sent in their score  
for the HIGH SCORE Competition. Here are  
the lucky winners:

**PAC-MAN** — In only 4 hrs 25  
mins, Christopher Hatton from  
Sutton Coldfield scored  
1,647,360.

**ASTEROIDS** — Keith Dexter  
from Wakefield, W Yorks  
achieved an amazing  
16,260,120 in 5 hrs.

**SPACE INVADERS** — Our  
winner on this game is Jason  
Kennedy from Kirkby, who  
scored 2,306,530 in 5 hrs.

Well done lads — fantastic scores! Prizes and  
Atari High Score Certificates have been awarded  
for these winning members. And don't they  
deserve them!

Now, for all those who weren't lucky enough to  
win this time, here's a second chance. The 3  
cassettes to play on are: SUPER BREAKOUT  
(Gm 1, Diff B), MS PAC-MAN (Gm 1, Diff B — 4  
ghosts) and VANGUARD (Gm 1, Diff B — there is  
only one game!). Time limit 3 hrs! Scores on a  
postcard or back of envelope to ATARI  
CONTROL — HIGH SCORE SPOT. Super prizes to  
be won, so let's have your scores in by mid-  
October, please. Don't forget your witness. Good  
luck everyone.

As a few of you pointed out, there was a small  
mistake on Lee Jackson's Defender score  
(AB25). It was, in fact, 53,032,230.

This was one of the many letters to beam itself up  
to the ATARI CONTROL Spaceship since the last  
Bulletin. It's an exciting true story by Michael Finn  
from Blackburn in Lancashire:

Our school also owns a VCS, Blackamoor Special  
School for the physically handicapped. Special  
ago I organised a Space Invaders competition with  
20 entrants. The week before the competition the  
pupils talked about little else and there was  
speculation on who would be in the final. The hot  
favourite seemed to be a boy named Stephen  
Wilson and I came in as second favourite.

After preliminary matches four people were  
knocked out to make the number 16. During the  
ensuing three rounds the better players played  
favourite went out in the second round. Some  
of the lower standard of players reached new  
heights, playing above their capacity. In the first  
round, Stephen Wilson played magnificently  
breaking my previously held high score.

As predicted the final was between Stephen  
Wilson and me. During the day of the final fan  
clubs sprang up. The Finny Fan Club (Michael  
Finn) and The Willy Fan Club (Stephen Wilson).

We found a larger room to play the "out-of-three"  
competition. Spectators included several teachers  
and the Headmaster, who had followed the results  
over the fortnight-long tournament.

I lost the toss and had to play two out of the three  
games on the unfavourable Purple side. The tension  
to me it seemed similar to the Embassy World  
Snooker Championship. I lost my nerve and lost the  
first, causing the Willy Fan Club to leap and land  
down.

Masood, taking on the job of my Manager, told me  
to keep my cool and warned me that if I lost the  
next it would be over. It worked and I pulled back  
to one all. In the last, Stephen seemed to go to  
pieces and I became Champion of Blackamoor!

# ATARI CONTROL

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Hi! I'm Mary Ann and have just recently joined Atari Control to put together your exclusive, fun-packed VCS Owner's Club Bulletin.

In this issue we're featuring a wealth of exciting new games for your video computer system and you'll love the games characters appearing in yet another super pull-out poster for you to hang on your wall!

We've been having tremendous fun at Player of the Year (see pages 2 and 3), and can't wait for the National Final on August 20th at Camden Palace, London and the International Final in Munich on September 19th. A close-up on the finale in the next Bulletin.

The silver 8 cartridge "Book Tidy" you've all been waiting for is now available from Atari Control — see our Special offer on page 2.

We've got some super posters which we've decided to make exclusive to our members. What's more, you can have 3 for only 50p! There's a limited stock, so get your order in now and don't forget to mark your envelope ATARI CONTROL POSTERS.

Special limited editions of the comic booklet *Yass Revenge* — *The Quidle Ultimatum* are available FREE from Atari Control. If you'd like a copy, just drop us a line and include an S.A.E. (10p or 16p).

Don't forget that, subject to availability, back issues of the VCS Owners Club Bulletin can be obtained from Atari Control at a small fee of 50p which includes postage and packing.

In the meantime, keep those letters, poems, puzzles and ideas coming! After all, it's YOUR Bulletin!

Over and out!

*Editor*

## DIARY DATES: EXHIBITIONS

If you missed us at the Ideal Home Exhibition, why not come and see us at two other exhibitions coming up before the end of the year.

17-24 September — *The Great Home Entertainment Spectacular* — Olympia, London.

Hope to see you there!



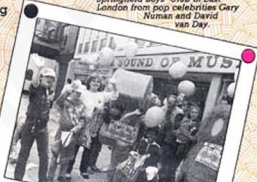
## BOYS BEAT OFF ALIENS

Between January and June, over 10,000 boys around the country defended their clubs against an alien invasion, and then celebrated their victory with a weekend in London's Hilton Hotel. It was all part of the Atari/Boys' Club Defender Challenge, a video games contest organised by Atari in conjunction with the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

More than 800 clubs took up the challenge and their members battled with the aliens for a place at the national final held at London's Hilton Hotel on Saturday 23 June. Each of the 15 finalists won a weekend in London with a full entertainment package including a trip to see "Return of the Jedi" and a day at Thorpe Entertainment Park.

Pictured is the winner, 10 year old Anthony Brooms who received an Atari 800 computer for the Springfield Boys' Club in East London from pop celebrities Gary Numan and David van Day.

The all-day grand opening of *Computer Vision* in Chiswick, London, was held on June 4th and a super time was had by all who participated in the event. Players could enter the Ms Pac-Man competition which had been organised for the day and all proceeds went to Capital Radio's Help A London Child.



Atari's Laura Towell with some of the many enthusiasts of the day.

## Take Note!

A big "thank you" to all those who wrote in about **PEN-PALS**. We have alerted other Atarians and now await news from abroad. As soon as we can match you up with another Atari, we'll be in touch, OK! If any more members would like a Pen-pal, please contact Louise at ATARI CONTROL. Info needed: your name, address, date of birth, country of interest, male/female Pen-pal and serial number.

## 5200 . . . 5200 . . . 5200 . . .

The Atari 5200 will **NOT** now be launched in the United Kingdom. But don't worry, our fast moving business of high technology has given rise to even better product opportunities of which we shall keep you faithfully posted in the bulletin!!

## REMEMBER REMEMBER . . . "MEMBER GET MEMBER"

**Free T-Shirts PLUS** the chance to win every Atari cartridge released in 1984 — could be your's. **INTRODUCE** an Atari VCS owner to the Owners Club (see last Bulletin for details). We must receive your "INTRO" by 31 October 1983.

## A further word of warning . . .

Some of you may again be going to America and seeing Atari cartridges that are not being sold in the UK yet. Beware — the cartridges and VCS bought in the States do not work in the UK because our television system (PAL) is different to that of the USA. Hang on! The cartridges arrive in the UK very quickly!!



When do I get a bonus in Ms Pac-Man? When is Dig coming out? Have you ever wanted to know something about Atari and not know who to ask? All these questions and more can be answered by Helen and Dawn who in the Customer Relations Department will every month receive over 2,000 phone calls each with your queries! So if you want to know anything about Atari, call Helen or Dawn.